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## OLD SCHOOL DOCTORS

Ignorance of Physicians of the  
Eighteenth Century.

### TORTURE FOR THE PATIENTS.

Every Ailment Beyond Diagnosis Was  
Classed as a Fever, and Pills, Plas-  
ters, Burning and Bleeding Were the  
Regular Remedies.

The proverb "The remedy is worse than the disease" must have been coined in the eighteenth century, when physicians treated their patients with a violence that bordered on assault and battery. It was held that sickness was some kind of a demon that must be overcome by pills, plasters, bleeding and burning, and if the patient incidentally got the full effects of the torture and died, so much the worse for him. Air and water were considered the most dangerous things for a sick person to have, and his misguided demand for them was interpreted as a sign that he should have still less. The windows were shut and the curtains of the four poster tightly drawn around the recumbent unfortunate gasping for breath. If he burned with fever the blankets were piled on him. A desire for water meant that he could have none, while a lack of appetite proved that he ought to be stuffed with food. A bath was positively unthinkable.

The deadly results of breathing "night air" were accentuated by medical writers, says S. G. Tallentyre in the Cornhill Magazine. All air was bad, but the night quality often proved fatal to "young ladies of beauty, fortune and great merit" and to "young gentlemen of parts and breeding." One bold medico recommended that a bed chamber should be ventilated—in the daytime. Another dared to suggest that consumptives might benefit from sleeping in a pure atmosphere. The rule for abortions was "hands often, feet seldom, head never," but a physician far in advance of his age surmised that invalids might bathe their feet in warm water once a week and under extraordinary circumstances take a warm bath once a month.

Overeating and drinking caused many of the diseases of the upper classes. Montesquien said that dinner filled one half of the Parisians and supper the other half. Everywhere it was the custom to pile the table with roast beef, mutton, capons, boars' heads, pasties, creams, stuffings and mince-meats. A fearful repast of twelve indigestible courses was brought on all together, so that the diners knew what was expected of them. A large breakfast of small beer and meats preceded the gigantic midday meal, when people enjoyed a gargantuan gorge for three hours and spent two more in Falstaffian potations. After this the gentlemen joined the women for a dish of tea in the drawing room, and it was not long before the whole party of human anachorites returned to the dining room for a supper on the cold remnants of the dinner. Amid this orgy of gluttony Valpole and Voltaire were distinguished for an abstinence that prolonged their lives.

Heavy drinking was universal and rarely reprimanded by medical men, as by Dr. Tronchin. One Dr. Cheyne advised women not to take a whole bottle a day. Another authority wrote a popular treatise in which the best means of attaining longevity was stated to be a bottle of wine at dinner and three glasses after. These who followed such advice were in danger of being dubbed temperance cranks. A story is told of the celebrated and convivial Dr. Garth, who was tipping bumpers at the Kit-Kat club when reminded that his patients needed attention. "Tis no matter," said Garth, already half seas over, "if I see them or not. Nine have such bad constitutions that all the doctors in the world can't save them, and the other six have such good that all the doctors in the world can't kill them."

A physician named Brown became the pet of fashionable women by always prescribing pleasant remedies, "a glass of wine in the forenoon from time to time," "several glasses of port or punch after dinner till some enlivening effect is perceived from them." Together with inordinate quantities of liquor and food, Dr. Brown recommended to his male patients the company of "delightful young women." One of the natural consequences of such an agreeable regimen was the gout, for which eighteenth century high livers took seas of liquid medicines, mountains of pills and bins of powders.

Any disease beyond diagnosis was put down as "a fever." Whether typhus or typhoid, scarlet or gastric, non-contagious or violently infectious, anything which caused a rise in temperature was sufficiently described by the term fever. Smallpox, scurvy, spotted and jail fever were maladies distinctive of the age. Disinfection and first aid to natures were never dreamed of, while the patient was dosed with horrible drafts and nauseating compounds and bled on every possible occasion. Louis XIV. was bled nine times for scarlet fever. Bleeding killed the Duchess of Tremouille and her husband. When a mob attacked the Duke of Bedford's house in 1755 the doctors remedied the outrage by bleeding the duchess next morning. A young man who fell against a marble table and cut his head open was treated by having a few pints of extra blood drawn from his veins by an expert surgeon. Blistering was esteemed next to bleeding. A fashionable remedy for consumption was a mash of raw snails, shells and all, taken from a spoon.

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### The First Slow One.

He uttered a joyous cry.  
"And I am really and truly the first man you ever kissed?"  
"Yes, Clarence," the beautiful girl rejoined, her red lip curling slightly.  
"The others all took the initiative."—New York Press.

### Drops Over Thirty Degrees.

Fort Worth, Dec. 1.—A norther descended upon Texas early Friday morning after several days of excessive warmth for December. The temperature dropped over thirty degrees in several localities. The cold wave extended as far south as Austin. Trees were beginning to bow in North Texas.

### His Mother-in-law Won.

By one of those queer marriage settlements sometimes made in England a young man agreed to pay his wife's mother \$100 on the first day of each year. He settled in Canada, and when he came to make the remittance he deducted the amount of the postage and sent her only \$99.84. The mother-in-law insisted that she must have the other 16 cents, and after they had quarreled by mail about it for a month or two she had her attorneys bring suit against him in the Ontario courts. She made him pay, too, and stuck him for the cost of the action, though she was obliged to fee her own lawyers. The total expenses of this sixteen cent lawsuit were said to be exactly \$612, most of which fell upon the economical son-in-law.

They were looking over their wedding presents. He pointed to a small bronze clock. "Seems to me," he said, "that I have seen that before."  
"You have," she returned serenely.  
"You gave it to my first husband and me for a wedding present. When we divided the things after the divorce he kept the clock, and now he is sending it back to us."—New York Press.

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